

At this time the ship that appeared in the offing in the seals of George II and George III and in our seals from 1835 to 1883 seems to have disappeared, and the designer of the seal shows mountains in the background instead of both the mountains and the sea as formerly.

In 1893 Hon. Jacob Battle introduced a bill which became chapter 145. This made no change in the seal of 1883 except to add at the foot of the coat-of-arms of the State as a part thereof the motto "*Esse Quam Videri*," and that the words "May 20, 1775," is inscribed at the top of the coat-of-arms.²⁴

The present Great Seal of the State of North Carolina is described as follows:

The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina is two and one-quarter inches in diameter, and its design is a representation of the figures of Liberty and Plenty, looking toward each other, but not more than half fronting each other, and otherwise disposed as follows: Liberty, the first figure, standing, her pole with cap on it in her left hand and a scroll with the word "Constitution" inscribed thereon in her right hand. Plenty, the second figure, sitting down, her right arm half extended towards Liberty, three heads of wheat in her right hand, and in her left the small end of her horn, the mouth of which is resting at her feet, and the contents of horn rolling out. In the exergon is inserted the words May 20, 1775, above the coat-of-arms. Around the circumference is the legend "The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina" and the motto "*Esse Quam Videri*."

NOTE.—The North Carolina Historical Commission will appreciate the gift or loan of North Carolina seals in order to make a complete collection of the same. They will also be glad to get the private seals and coats-of-arms of the early Governors of North Carolina and of families identified with the history of the State.

²⁴See Appendix. Secs. 5329, 5339, 5340, Vol. II, Revisal of 1905 of N. C.